additonal allocation of fuel for various power projects in Kerala; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the allocation made, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) According to the detailed guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power under the Liquid Fuel Policy for Power Projects, the State Governments are required to recommend liquid fuel linkage for power projects within the capacity (in MW) allocation to the respective States, to the Ministry of Power. On receipt of the recommendation of the Ministry of Power for fuel linkages for the power projects in Kerala within the capacity allocated to the State, fuel linkages will be given by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Proposals from Kerala have not been received in this Ministry so far.

Economic Package

2723. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the course of his recent tour of Jammu areas, the Prime Minister announced an economic package for the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount sanctioned, sector-wise; and

(c) the action taken thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Prime Minister, during his visit to Jammu & Kashmir on 13-14th February, 1997 announced following measures with a view to accelerate the process of development and normalisation in Jammu & Kashmir :-

- The increased outlay of State Annual Plan 1996-97 of Rs. 1250 crores.
- The State Government will be enabled to have a reasonable outlay in 9th Five Year Plan.
- The Annual Plan of 1997-98 would be further enhanced and necessary support will be provided for this purpose so as to ensure that the plan outlay fixed for each year is protected and funds are also made available for meeting the non-plan gap in resources.
- Central Government would provide additional assistance to restore infrastructure damaged due to militancy. Nearly Rs. 1500 crores would be provided for the purpose of rural development and basic minimum services in the 9th Plan. The State Government would be authorised to debit restoration of damaged infrastructure to this amount.
- More towns in the State will be brought under Prime Minister Integrated Poverty Eradication Programme.
- Allocation of power from Central Projects would be increased from 600MW to 876MW to fully meet the power shortage in the State.
- Special funding mechanism including external assistance for implementation of projects like Protection and Development of Dal and other important lakes, masterplan for control of floods in the valley and action plan for improving the navigation and environmental aspects of Jhelum on the lines of Ganga Action Plan would be devised.
- Transportation of fertilisers in Jammu & Kashmir would be fully subsidised.

This is in addition to the other announcements of Prime Minister made in both Houses of Parliament on 23.07.1996 and 02.08.1996.

Follow-up action has been initiated for implementing the above mentioned announcements and the progress monitored regularly.

[Translation]

MRTS

2724. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accorded the permission to the long awaited Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) of National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of years likely to be taken in completion of this project and the amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the length of routes on which work is proposed to be commenced in the first phase of this project and the details of the main routes to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have accorded its investment approval to Delhi MRTS project on 17th September, 1996.

(b) to (d) The first phase of the proposed Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System covers a route length of 55.3 Kms. which includes surface/elevated rail system from Shahadra to Nangloi via Shastri Park, I.S.B.T., Pul